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MOBIUS--
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS

ARE
YOU--um--
READY,
AMY?

I'LL BE
WITH YOU,
SONIC!

I'LL BE
READY FOR
ANYTHING!



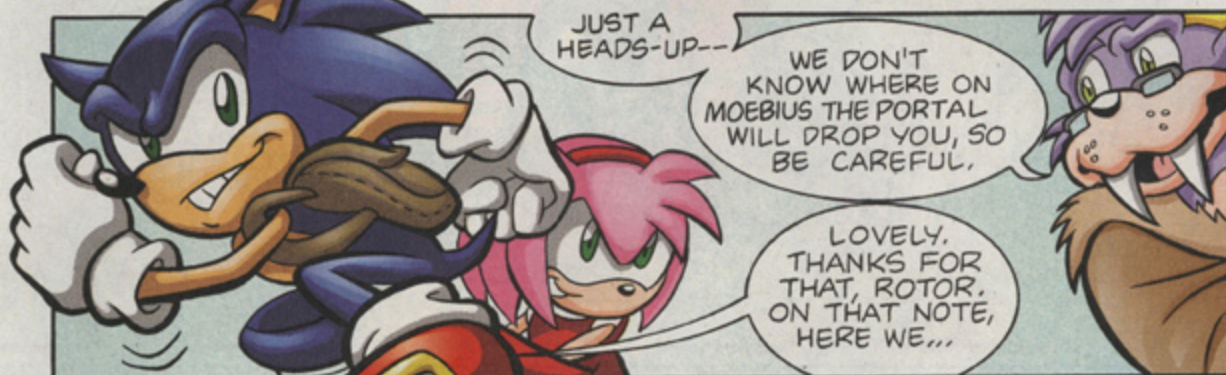
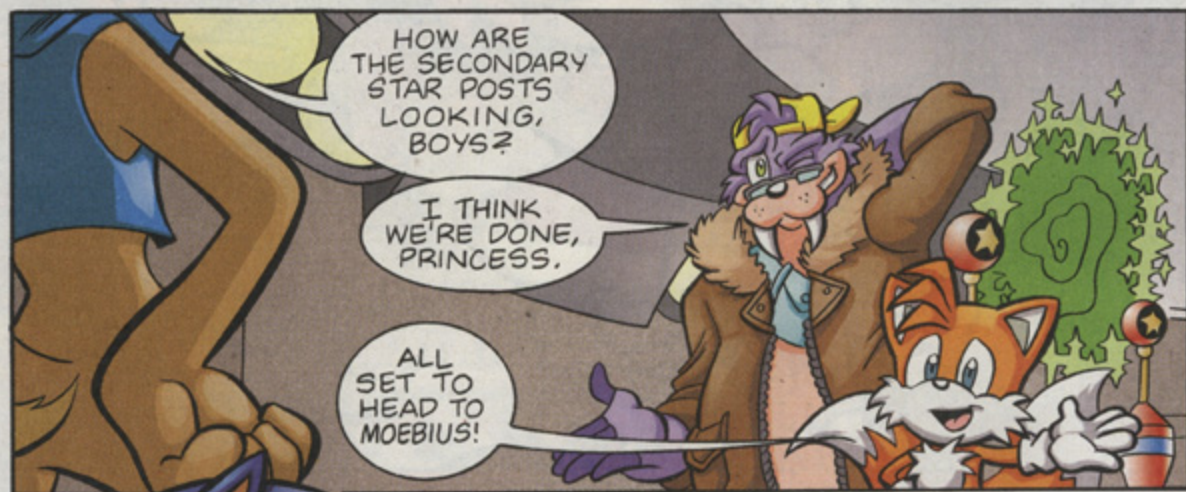
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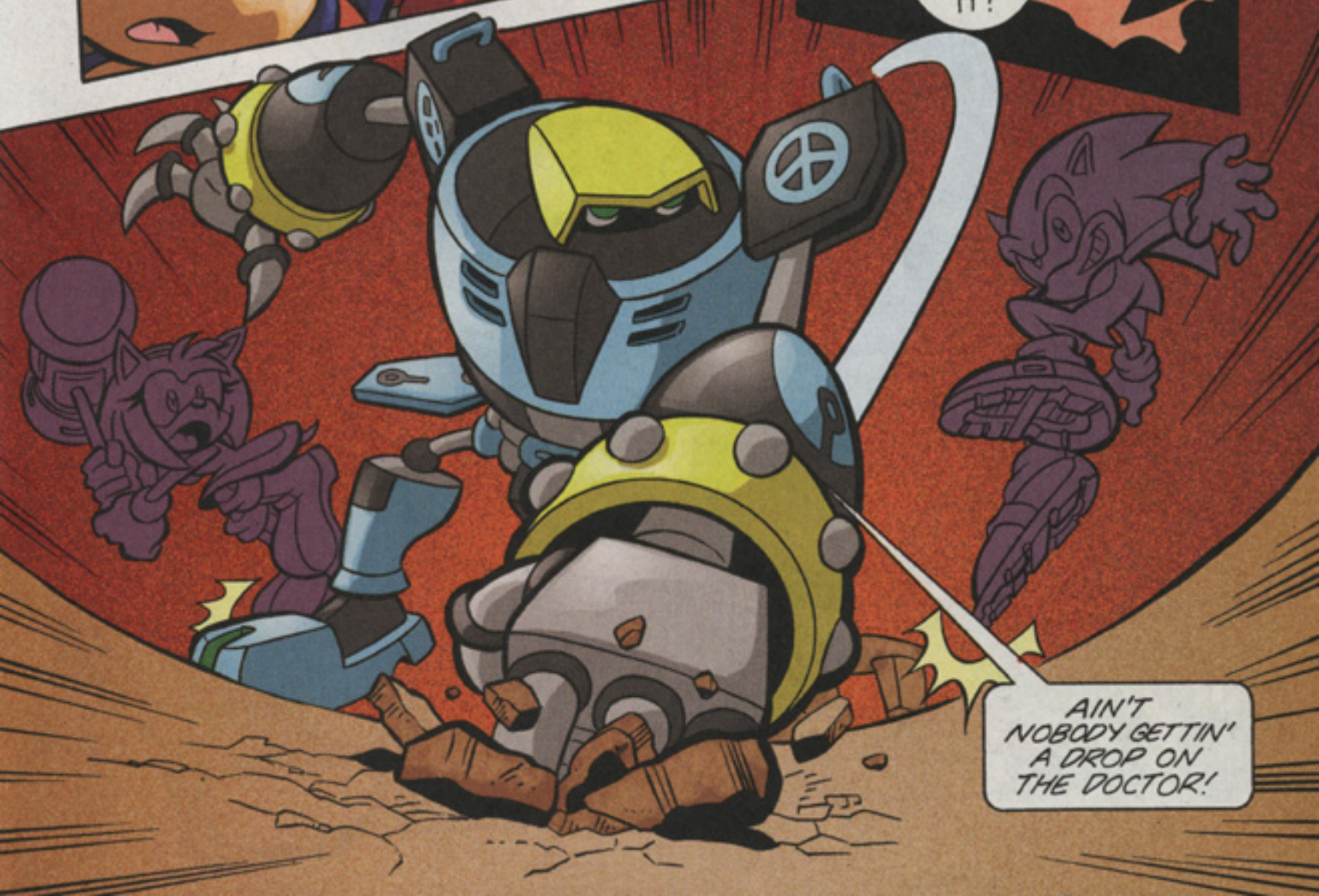
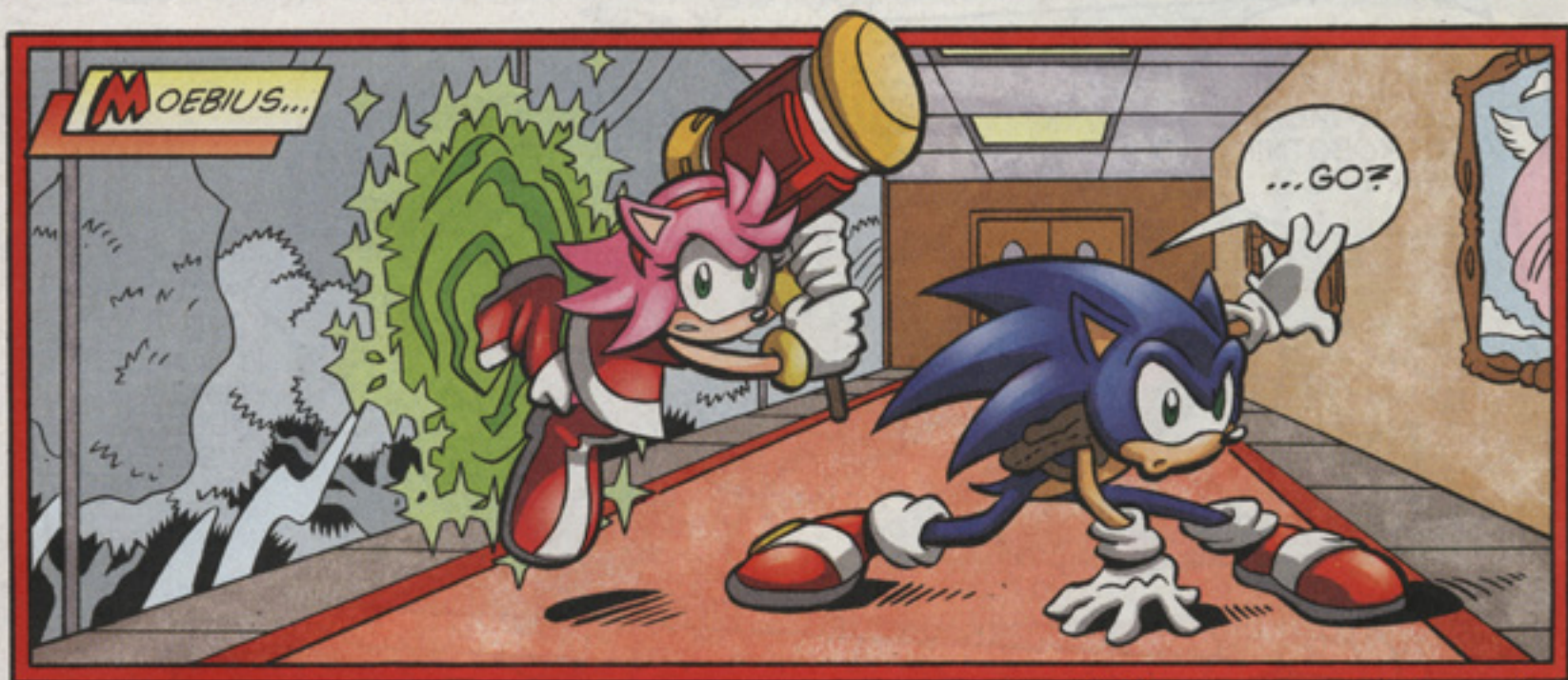
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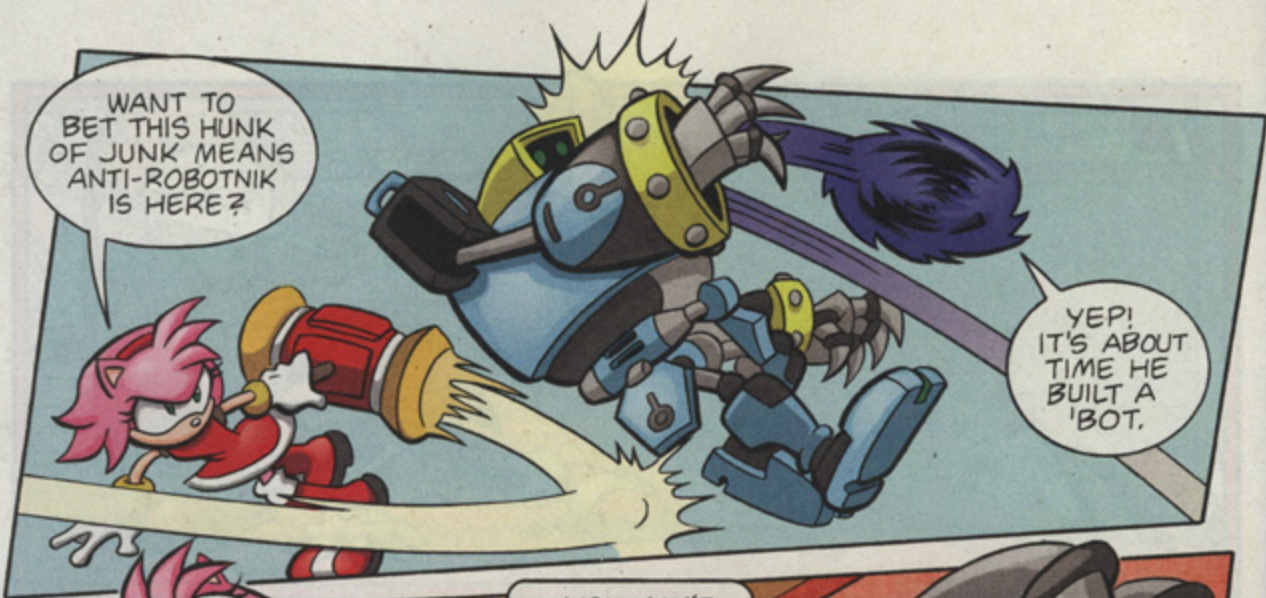
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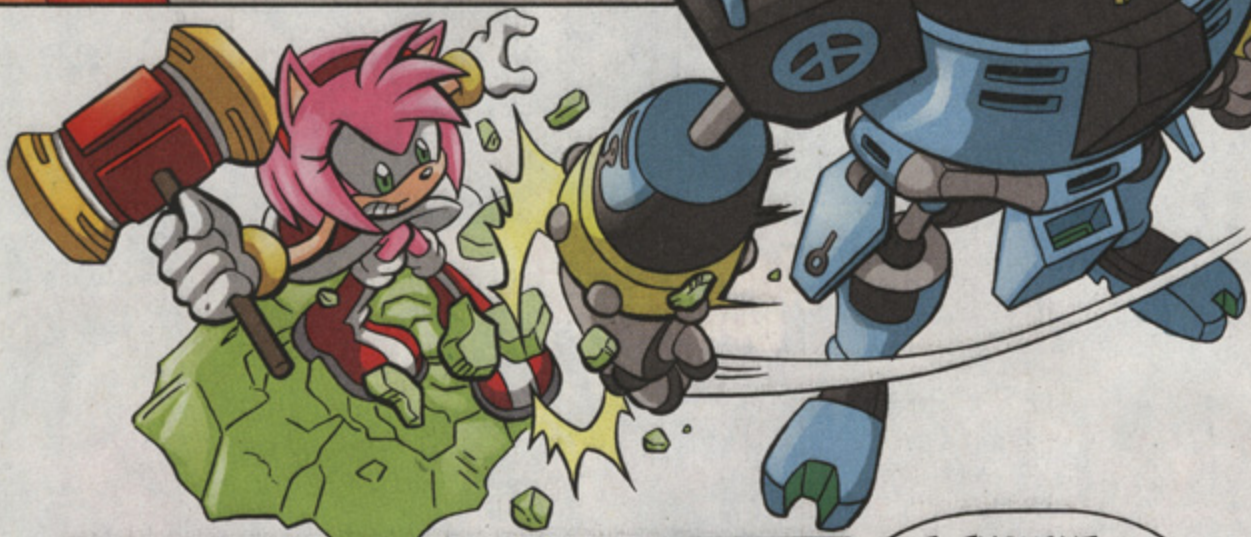
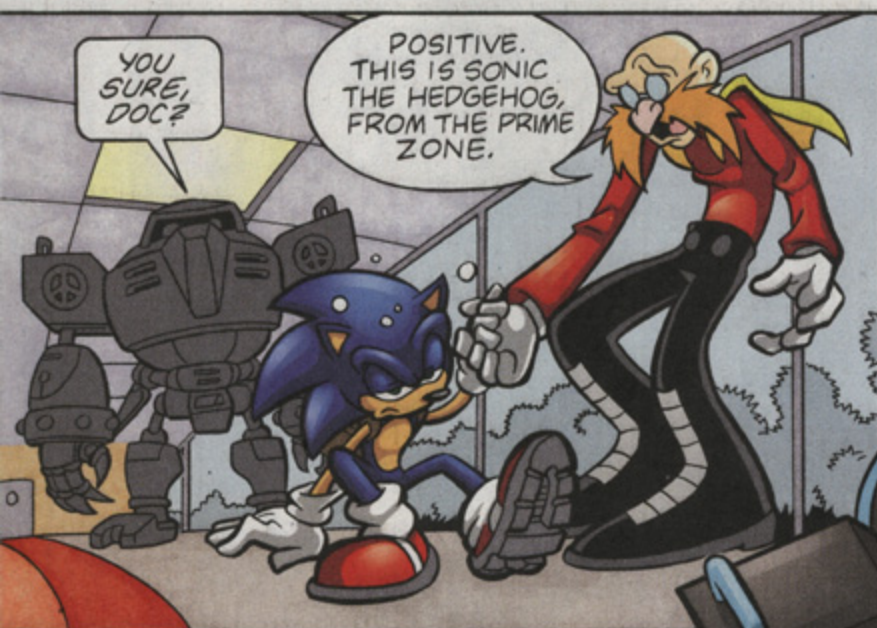
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The Other Eggman









MOBIOUS--
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS

I HATE
THIS PART.
THE WAITING
IS KILLING
ME.

ANYTHING?

NOT
YET.
THE STAR POSTS
WERE ORIGINALLY
SUPPOSED TO GO
TO THE SPECIAL
ZONE, NOT ANY OF
THE MORE DISTANT
ONES. WE'RE LUCKY
THE PORTAL STAYED
OPENED AS LONG
AS IT DID.

NICOLE?

HAVE
SONIC
AND AMY
ALREADY
LEFT?

YES.
WHY?

MILES OF
THE SUPPRESSION
SQUAD IS OUTSIDE
THE CITY.

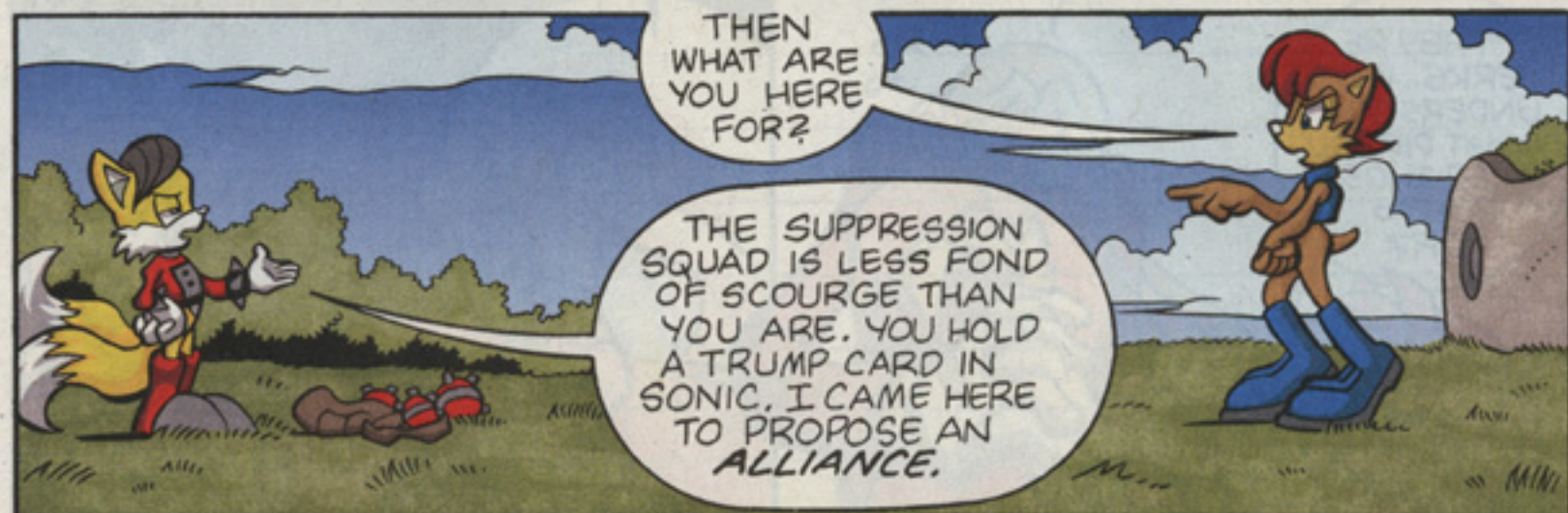
TELL
BUNNIE AND
ANTOINE
TO MEET
US THERE!
TAILS--

RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU!

ROTOR,
I'M SURE
SHE...

IT'S OKAY,
NICOLE.

I'M NOT PART OF
THE FIELD TEAM ANYMORE.
PLUS, SONIC AND AMY
ARE GOING TO NEED
A WAY HOME.



MOEBIUS--
THE GRAND FOREST

THIS
IS YOUR
FIRST TIME
IN OUR ZONE,
ISN'T IT,
MS. ROSE?

YES
SIR, IT
IS.

THEN ALLOW
ME TO INTRODUCE
YOU TO MY
WORLD.

I AM DR. IVO
KINTOBOR. I RUN THE
HOSPITAL TOWER WE JUST
CAME FROM. IT HOUSES THE
FORCE-FIELD GENERATOR
I USE TO PROTECT THE
GRAND FOREST AND ALL THE
MOEBIANS WHO FEAR KING
SCOURGE'S TYRANNY.

WOW,
I CAN'T
EVEN SEE
THE FIELD.

GOOD!
YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED
TO.

WHAT
CAN YOU
TELL US ABOUT
SCOURGE AND
HIS LATEST
BATCH OF
CRAZINESS?

THAT'S
MY FAULT, I'M
AFRAID.

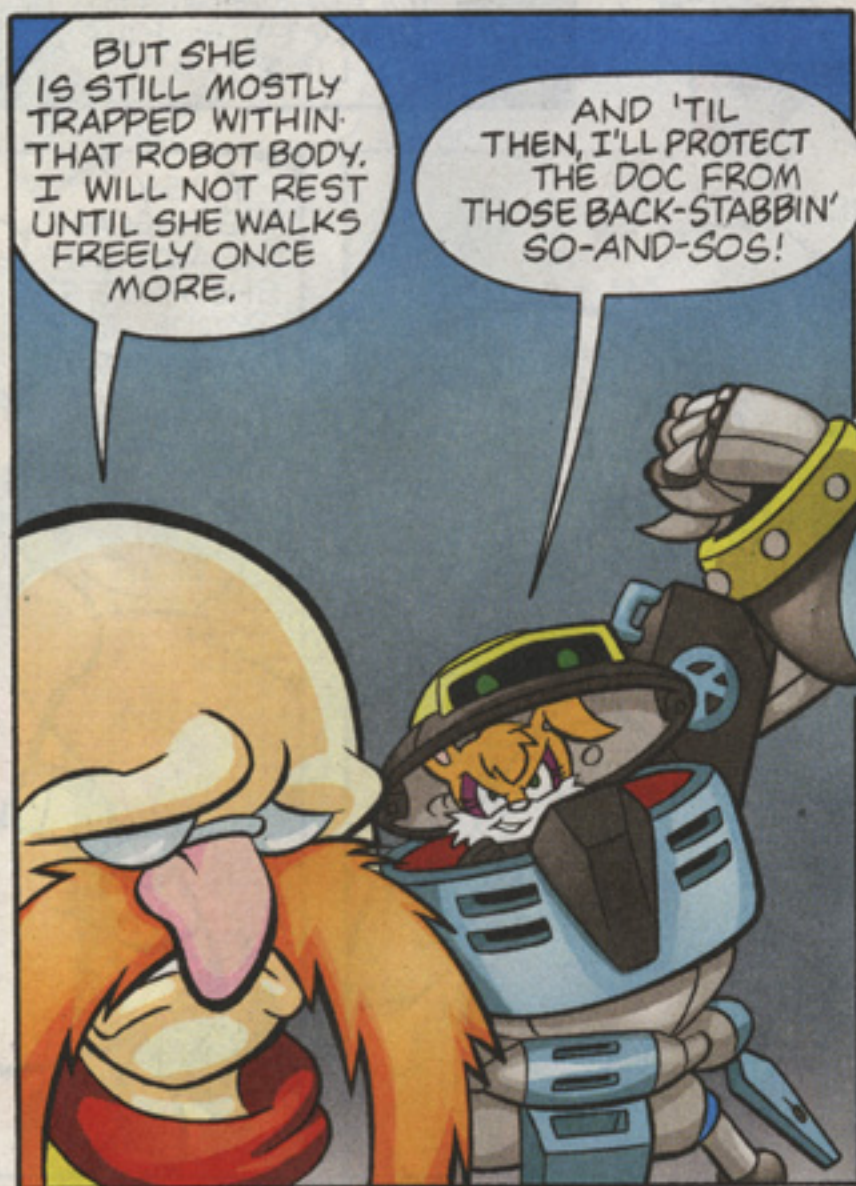
THEY
STORMED MY
TOWER AND MANAGED
TO STEAL MY EXPERIMENTAL
GLOBE POSTS. THEY
MUST HAVE USED THEM
TO CROSS INTO YOUR ZONE.

THEY'RE
JERKS. WE
UNDERSTAND.
WHAT DID YOU
NEED THOSE
POSTS
FOR?

I HAD
HOPED TO SEARCH
OTHER ZONES FOR
NEW MEDICAL
TECHNIQUES. I
NEED SOMETHING
TO HEAL BUNS
RABBOT.

COME TO
THINK OF IT,
I DIDN'T SEE
THE ANTI-BUNNIE
WITH THE STUPID
SQUAD. WHERE
IS SHE?

RIGHT
HERE.





...BUT HOW DO WE STOP IT? IS THERE ANYTHING HERE THAT COULD THROW SCOURGE OFF HIS GAME?

MAYBE MORE OF THOSE ROBOTS?

NO, NO. I NAMED IT "OMEGA" BECAUSE IT WAS A *LAST RESORT*. I REFUSE TO BUILD AN ARMY.



THEY COULD TRY TO RECRUIT YOU-KNOW-WHO.

ABSOLUTELY NOT! SHE'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS! DON'T EVEN JOKE LIKE THAT!



SOUNDS LIKE JUST THE KIND OF PERIL I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

PLEASE, DR. KINTOBOR! THEY'VE TAKEN FREEDOM HQ AND MAY PRESS ON AT ANY MINUTE. WE NEED ANY LEAD YOU CAN GIVE US.



ROSY THE RASCAL. THE ANTI-AMY. SHE *HATES* SCOURGE.

MOBIOUS--
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS

WE HATE
SCOURGE. THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE
ANTI-FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN
FLUX. THAT'S JUST
HOW IT IS. HE CAME
BACK AND RUINED
EVERYTHING.

"HE BEAT US INTO
SUBMISSION. HE
WAS BENT ON
MAKING US
SOMETHING
'MORE' THAN
YOUR 'EVIL
TWINS!'"

"WE HAD TO TAKE ON NEW
NAMES AND APPEARANCES."

"SOME OF US TOOK
THAT TO THE EXTREME"

"WE WERE HIS BACK-UP AS
HE CONQUERED THE WHOLE
PLANET. HE RENAMED OUR
WORLD 'MOEBIUS' AND MADE
HIMSELF KING. THEN HE
GOT BORED."

SO HE HAD US
STEAL DR. KINTOBOR'S
TECHNOLOGY AND
INVADE THE PRIME ZONE.
WE DON'T DARE STAND
AGAINST HIM ALONE.
HE'S SIMPLY TOO
POWERFUL.





SO YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU OVERWHELM HIM?

PLEASE DON'T TALK, LITTLE BOY. WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION.

OUR TEAMS ARE EVENLY MATCHED. BUT IF SONIC CAN SLOW SCOURGE DOWN, OUR COMBINED STRENGTH SHOULD BEAT HIM.

PRECISELY. WE'VE ALREADY RIGGED YOUR STAR POSTS TO SEND HIM BACK TO MOEBIUS.

WHAT?!

WHO DO YOU THINK--?!

NOT RIGHT NOW, SUGAH.

YOU STILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE LAB IN FREEDOM HQ. CAN YOU CONFIRM HIS STORY?

JUST A MOMENT...

YES. HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.

ALL RIGHT THEN. SONIC ISN'T HERE NOW, BUT WE CAN COUNT ON HIM TO SHOW WHEN WE NEED HIM.

EXCELLENT. THEN HERE'S THE PLAN...

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SHORTLY...

...WHICH PUTS YOUR CASTLE ACORN THE SAME DISTANCE FROM THE GRAND FOREST.

CRIPES...

HOW COULD YOU STAND TO LIVE IN SUCH A DUMP?

NEVER WAS A FAN OF YOUR CUSHY LIFESTYLE. 'SIDES, IT'S A CASTLE.

Y'ALL SEE A DUMP.

AH SEE THE FREEDOM TO DO WHATEVAH AH WANT.

AND YOU DIDN'T WANT A DE'COR THAT WASN'T FALLING APART?

IT'S SYMBOLIC!

IT'S DEPRESSING!

YO, LADIES! DID ANYBODY SEE THAT?

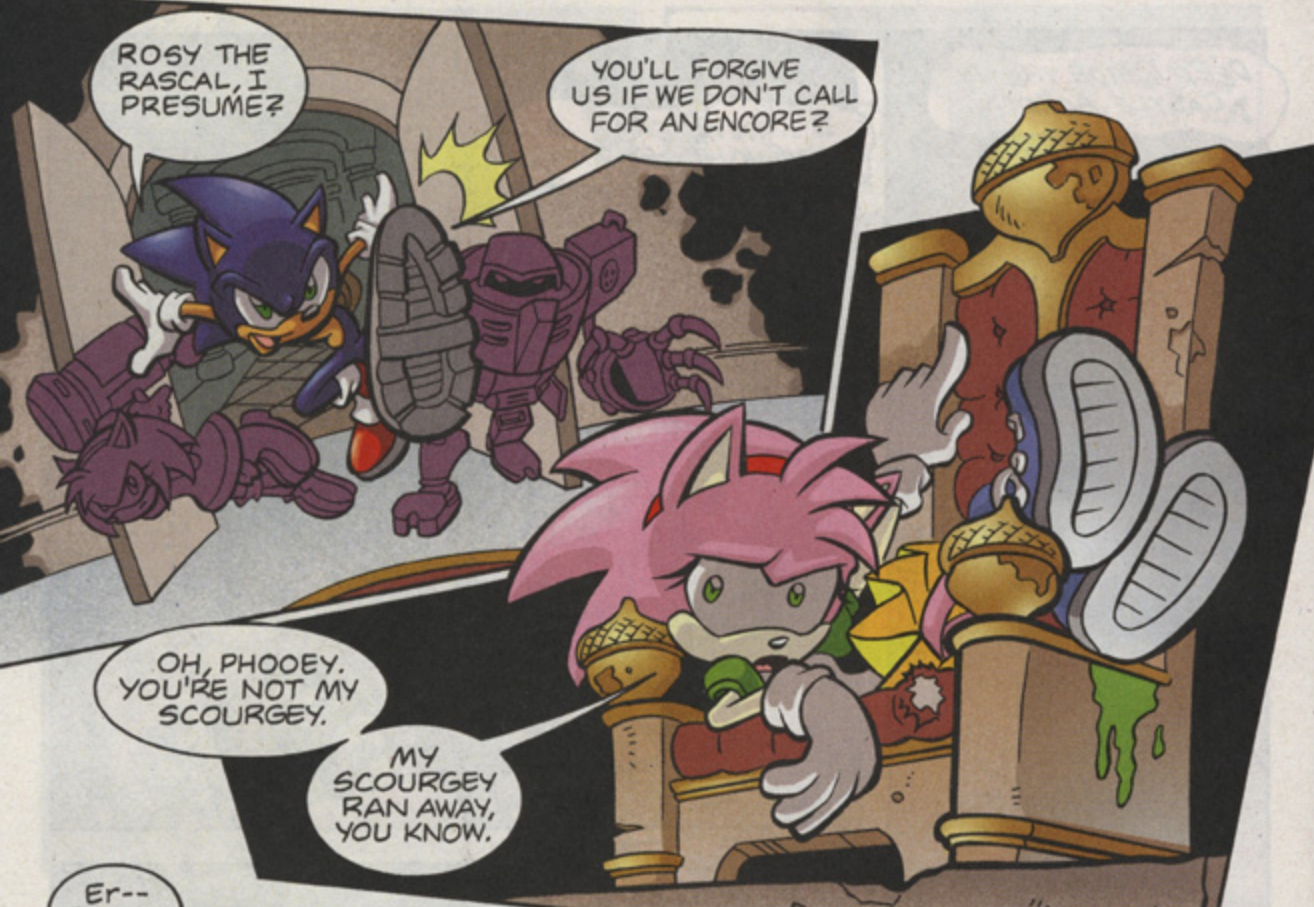
DEEP INSIDE THE
CASTLE ACORN...

INVADERS
SNEAKY-CREEPING...

THEY DON'T SEE
MY MALLET
COMING...

TRACKED
THE SOURCE.
THRONE ROOM.

POP! GO THEIR HE-ADS!



ROSY THE RASCAL, I PRESUME?

YOU'LL FORGIVE US IF WE DON'T CALL FOR AN ENCORE?

OH, PHOOEY. YOU'RE NOT MY SCOURGEY.

MY SCOURGEY RAN AWAY, YOU KNOW.

Er-- RIGHT.

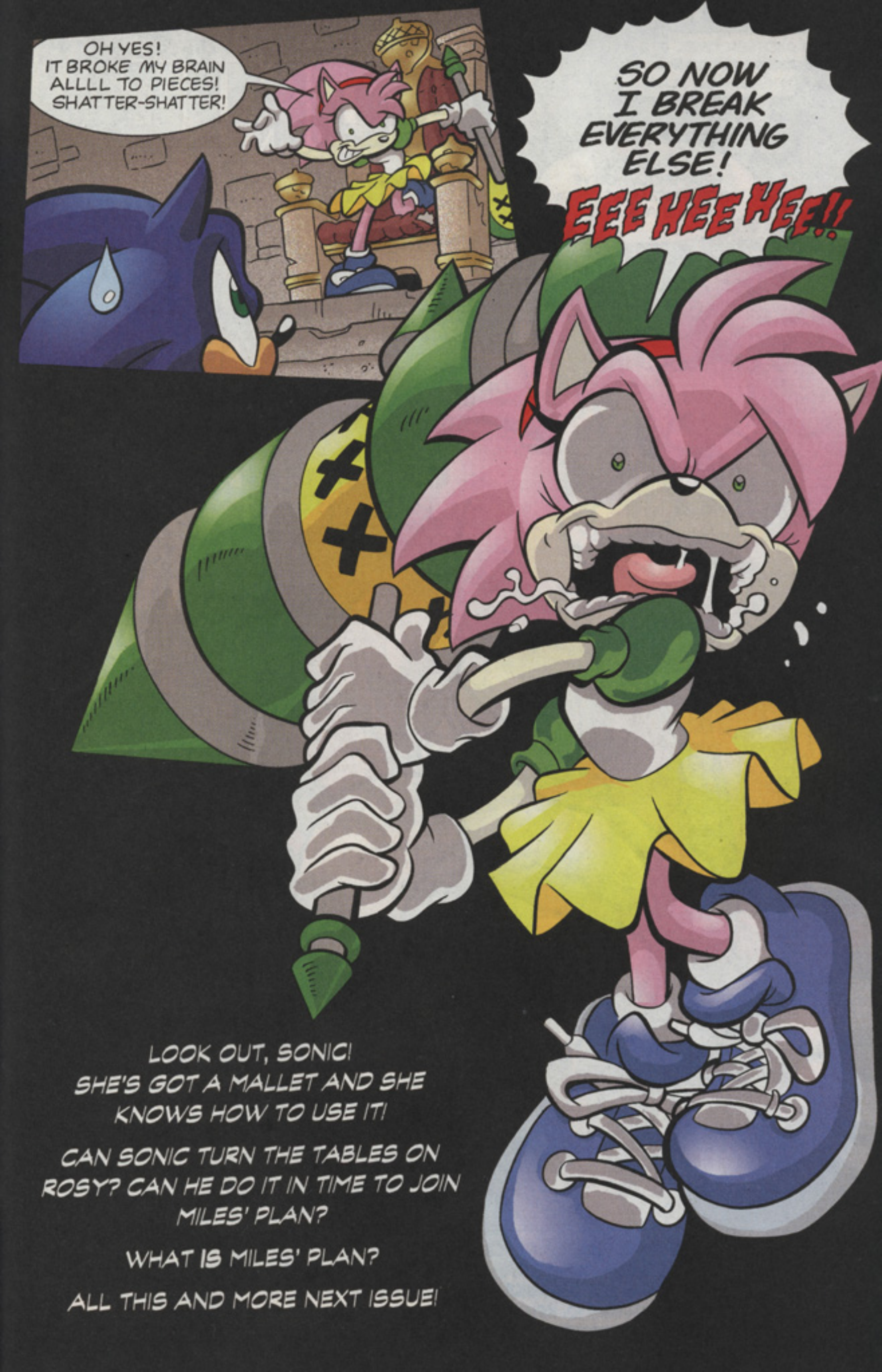
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. WE WERE HOPING YOU'D HELP--

SCOURGEY IS ALWAYS SO MEAN. HE IGNORED ALL MY ATTACKS WHEN I WAS LITTLE...

I USED THE MAGIC IN A SPECIAL RING TO MAKE MYSELF OLDER. NOW I'M A BIG GIRL WITH A BIG HAMMER AND STILL SCOURGEY RUNS AWAY.

THAT'S KIND OF LIKE WHAT I DID,* ONLY SHE MAKES IT SOUND CREEPY.

AND GIVEN THIS ZONE, I'M WILLING TO BET THERE WAS SOME KIND OF SIDE-EFFECT.



OH YES!
IT BROKE MY BRAIN
ALLLL TO PIECES!
SHATTER-SHATTER!

SO NOW
I BREAK
EVERYTHING
ELSE!

EEE HEE HEE!!

LOOK OUT, SONIC!
SHE'S GOT A Mallet AND SHE
KNOWS HOW TO USE IT!

CAN SONIC TURN THE TABLES ON
ROSY? CAN HE DO IT IN TIME TO JOIN
MILES' PLAN?

WHAT IS MILES' PLAN?

ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT ISSUE!

IN ANOTHER TIME...

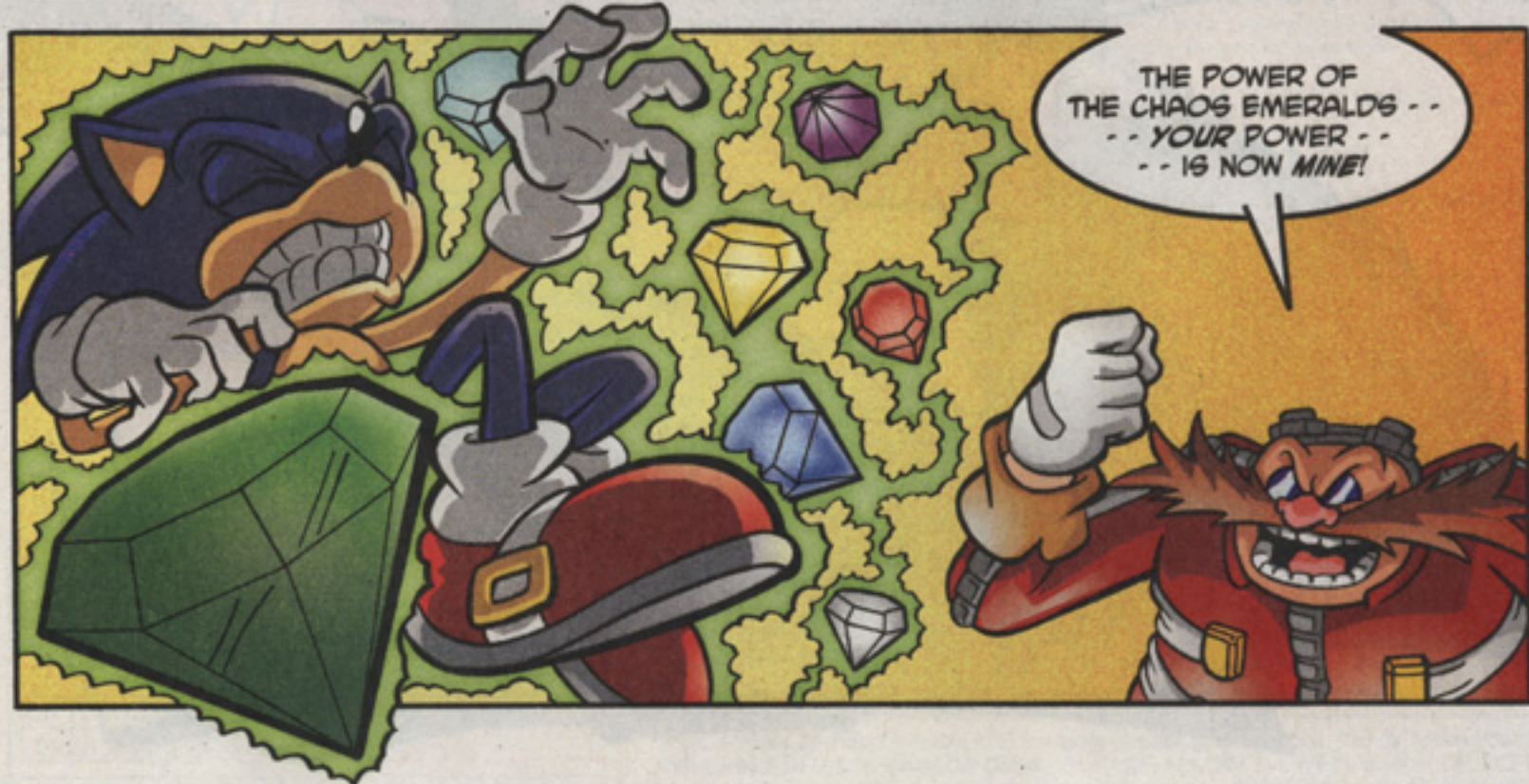
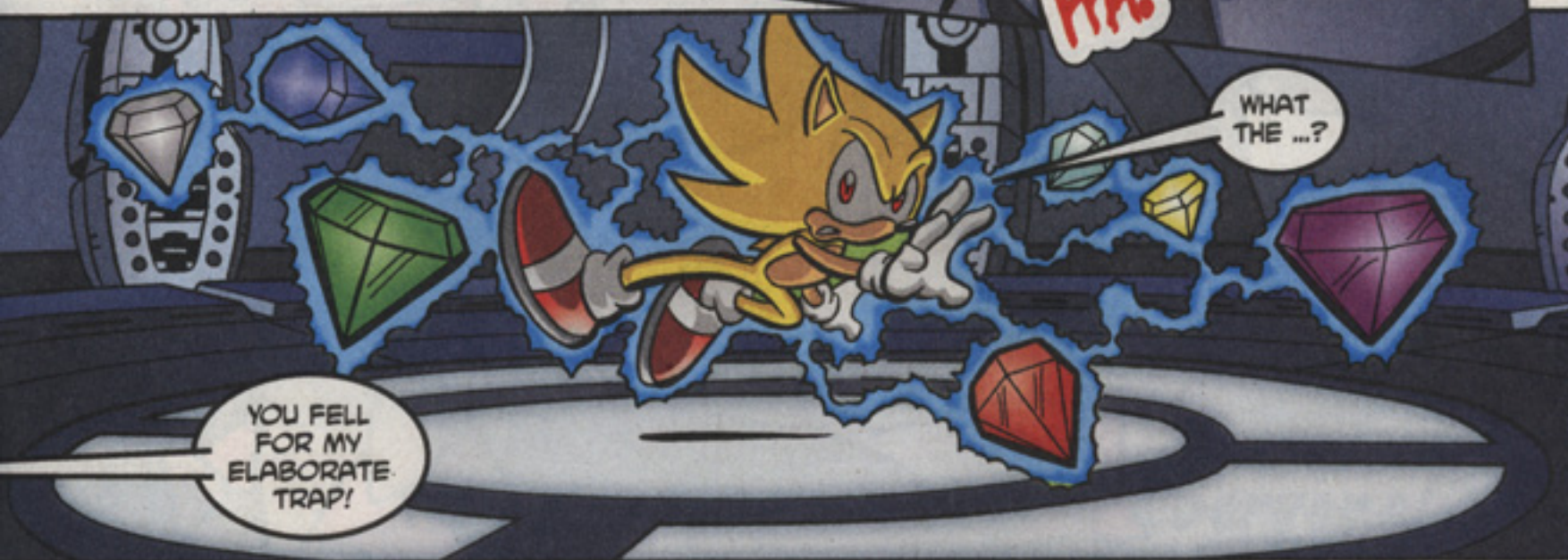
IN ANOTHER PLACE...

CURSE YOU,
HEDGEHOG! YOU'VE
MADE MINCEMEAT OF MY
SPACE ARMADA!

SONIC UNLEASHED!

CALL IT A HOBBY.
YOU'RE DONE, DOC.
CALL IT QUIT'S WHILE
YOU'RE BEHIND.

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MAGNIFICENT!
FULLY CHARGED...
FIRE!

NOW WITH THE
WORLD SHATTERED,
IT WILL BE UNLEASHED!
HOW DO YOU LIKE
THAT... SONIC?

GRRRAAAAAAAH!!



WELL THAT
WAS UNEXPECTED!
G-GET OUT OF
HERE!



AND YOU
CAN TAKE THOSE
WORTHLESS DRAINED
CHAOS EMERALDS
WITH YOU!





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Dear Sonic-Grams: I don't know what took me so long to write in to you guys.

Probably the realistic fear that we would cut and edit your letter and make fun of you. Just kidding. Maybe.

After all the years, there are a few things I wonder about (now it's time to prove my Sonic geekiness).

And time for us to prove ours by knowing the answers...

Way back in the old Knuckles Comics, Spectre says Sojourner is his son and Thunderhawk is his grandson, but in the later Sonic Data Banks it's stated that Sojourner is the son of Thunderhawk. Which way is right?

For the record: The order goes Spectre, Sojourner, Thunderhawk, then

Janelle-Li, Athair, Sabre, Locke, and Knuckles, for those of you keeping track at home.

Shadow's past was recently revealed to be the same as in the video game continuity. Is this ever going to be further developed?

Eventually.

If you decide to publish this, have fun editing my message down to size and if not I guess it's --

- JAY B.

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Oh, oops. Did we shave off too much at the end there?

Hello Sonic-Grams!!!
Sonic's been a pretty consistent part of my life for the past 14 years. When I met my girlfriend, she had been reading Sonic for just as long! Cool, huh?

Way past cool.

Is Scourge the "Evil Doppelganger Sonic" from way back when?

Sure is!

Any chance of seeing "Ultra" or "Solar" Sonic, or "Turbo Tails" again?

"Ultra" and "Solar" Sonic: doubtful. Turbo Tails was in issue #169.

Will the Knuckles series ever get collected in volumes like Sonic?

We would like nothing more, Mike. What do the rest of you think?

Sonic's the one comic I suggest to younger readers and is one of the fondest memories of my childhood. Thank you for keeping such an awesome comic on the stands and keep juicin'!

- MIKE L.

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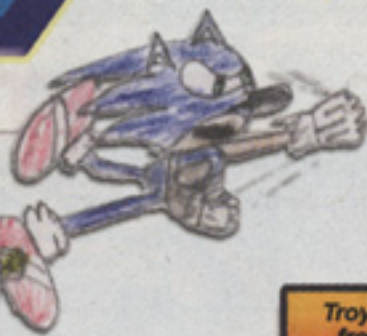
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